

(Washington, DC) -□□ Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17) has introduced legislation on behalf of the survivors of Marine recruits Michael T. Theodore, Jr., Joshua A. Sherbourne, and Zachary A. Nolen. The three individuals were in a government-owned vehicle driven by their recruiter, Marine Sergeant Charles Keene, when it was struck from behind, tragically ending their lives. They had each passed the required mental, moral, and physical examinations of the Marine Corps and were hours away from being sworn in as members of the Marine Corps' Delayed Entry Program at the time of their deaths on March 31, 2010.

"These young men had made the decision to enter into a commitment to our country. This bill would recognize their commitment as if they had made it to their destination and completed their enlistment," **said Congressman Tim Ryan.** "I believe that the tragic circumstances of their deaths warrants this consideration by Congress."

"I hope Congress can do something for any American who finds him or herself in this kind of situation," **said Ms. Rose Sherburne, Grandmother of Joshua A. Sherbourne.**

"My son was a role model in his community, for his sister and peers, and I hope Congress would be benevolent as it considers this issue," **said Mr. John Nolen, Father of Zachary A. Nolen.**

"This Bill will bring honor and respect to the families and young men involved in this untimely and tragic incident," **said Mr. Michael Theodore, Sr., Father of Michael T. Theodore, Jr.**

"My son was training for a year to get into the military and at no fault of his the opportunity to enlist into the Marine Corps was taken from him," **said Ms. April Hudnell, Mother of Zachary A. Nolen.**

H.R. 1045, introduced on March 11, 2001, would deem Michael T. Theodore, Jr., Joshua A. Sherbourne, and Zachary A. Nolen to have been insured under the Servicemembers Group Life Insurance at the time of their deaths on March 31, 2010.

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